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VIROQUA;

## THE VICTIM OF PASSION.

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dividual may be; if the perpetrator of a he-

nious crime, he will be the object of gossip

and universal condemnation. And how

much more would it be so, in the case of

one, almost totally unknown-of one in

his solitude he was only hatching schemes

of w chedness and crime. 'That his coun-

tenance, showed him to be a villain'-'that

his very reserve betrayed his sliness,' and,

that no one knew what vile deeds, he might

infeeling personages, who without a thought

"Richard Morrow," again said the Pros-

and pointed out by sworn evidence.

"Come in to court."

"Richard Morrow!"

"Joseph Strawson."

seph Strawson!!!-"

But no one answered.

onfusion amongst the bar,

know about this case.'

"Not here," returned the sheriff.

"Richard Morrow, take the stand."

At this stage of the proceedings,

"Weil!" prompted the Prosecutor.

"Were they standing near the dead body?"

"Well, I rather think he didn't."

"Would you know the pistol, that was

found on the ground, if you were to see it?"

nolding the weapon towards Dick.

know," retorted the Presecutor.

"Yes sir, I'm an eve witness."

"Yes, this is the identical one!"

"And it belonged to the prisoner?"

"The witness will tell what he positively

"Well Mr. Morrow," continued the Pros-

cutor," you saw the prisoner murder the

raveler, saw him attempt to take the life of

fom Leroy-and assisted to arrest him?"

under the bushes '

we think proper."

inding it."

this case."

"Proceed;" again spoke the Judge, as

"Swear the witnesses," said the Prosecu-

"Let the court and jury hear what you

here seemed to be some dissatisfaction or

"Here."
"Come in."

were aworn.

ence, in how favorable circumstances an ia-

CHAPTER XV. THE COURT ROOM.

READER, some one said: "There is a time we know not when,

A point we know not where; That marks the destines of men, And lends to glory or despair." The time had come, though he knew it not; unless it was, that, 'heretofore he was a re. ted the murder?" when Morton was to yield all his hopes and served, unassuming young man.' But even demon-like triumph to despair. The point this was turned against him; for many in had become visible, though Albert saw it their officious and morbid excitement, tonot—that was to lead him from mendicancy gether with a squabbish vanity and putil and sorrow, to happiness and glory.

How Morton succeeded in his wicked machinations you already know. How, as one event, followed another, his success in scheming was unfolded to him, how all the ob jects of his hatred were brought into his coils, and bow everything turned out to appease the ends of his revenge-already too, you know. But how a secret fate seemed to be working his downfall, how a threat ning scourge, pended over all his fiendish triumphs, and how every success of his was but a plunge still deeper into the vortex of merely the curiosity of seeing the result of destruction--Morton knew not. No; he knew it not, for now demon-like he was revelling in the glory he thought he nad obtained. More than twenty years, had the black spirit of revenge been lurking within Jus wicked bosom, and now, after long and patient scheming, he had consummated the almost total extinction of the objects of its assaults. Now his murderous oravings were satiated and he felt a brutal satisfaction.

But reader let us turn our attention to other parts of our story.

Court had convened, and everything was in readiness for the hearing of causes. At the time we enter, the house is crowded, at all of his nature, for he was just one of and starcely went ten paces when I heard a fing as I desent hab kase I'se a free es- her, and speaking a few words, conducted Strawson, whose aid by proper means he with auxious spectators; for this is the day those, who consider a man's life or cause, on which the exciting trial of Albert was ex- of no more importance than a dog's. pected to commence. At this moment the court was interrupted by the harried entrance of the Pastor, whom we have noticed on several occasions before-accompanied by an old grey-headed man, whom the rea- looking looking towards the Sheriff. der will be pleased to recognize as the person spoken of by Strawson to Teazle. out stopping for a moment, they jostled through the crowd into the bar, and the pastor made known their business; viz. that they wanted a search-warrant for one Viroqua Leroy, whom they had good reasons to believe had been forcibry detained at some place or house in the city. At this curious and paremptory demand every one was sur prised, but still he preed his request. Bar being required however, they were at some what of a loss to know where to procure it Presently Mr. Teazle stepped forward, and after passing a few words with the minister was introduced by the same to the old gentleman, whose name was given as Mortimer. Mr. Teazle looked at the old man and strange expression passed over his facesuch as might be awakened by memory, as she tries to grasp at some indistinct object in the dista. t past, Without saying a word , however he withdrew his gaze, and beckoned to the county Coroner who was sitting amongst the crowd. He came forward and after a short conference they informed the Pastor and his companion that they world go on bond of security. Every thing being thus fortunately and expeditiously settled, the warrant was taken out under bait of twenty thousand do'lars, and the applicants de-

to what others did. He had an idea that tol go off. the release, or recovery of Viroqua would be an important item in the matter of the de fence. But more of this anon.

The Judge began the reading of the docket, and as one case after another was mentioned, the deathly silence fell still deeper see but that prisoner tryin' to murder Tom upon the assembly; for they had nothing Leroy. So we nabbed the chap, and pinbefore their minds, except the case before joined his flippers, and took him to the calaus. Now the name of Albert Beaumont booss." was heard. All heads were raised, and eyes distended to their utmost capacity .-(The pases before this were all postponed. A moments breathless anxiety ensued.

"Ready?" interrogated the Judge, as his gray eyes peeped from under his heavy

Another moment of silence followed. The audience looked with unwavering gaze upon the bar, and they seemed to be pass

"See who shoot?" returned Morrow doging among each other, glancer of inquiry "I am ready," answered the Prosecutor "The prisoner?" "Ready," replied Mr. Teazle, as he arose "No; I reckon I didn't when I was back

from his chair. On seeing this distinguished man engaged in the defence of a suit, that elicited so

much of their interest, a look of surprise appeared on every face. Bring in the prisoner," commanded the Judge raising his eyes from the docket.

In a few moments the officers returned with Albert between them. All eyes were turned to the door, and a universal expres sion of pity passed through the crowd, as they beheld the object of their curiosity .-His bearing was noble, yet not bold-his expression, open and free, yet not impudent True, he was pale and emaciated, -his features bore the impress of grief and anxiety, yet bespeaking, at the same time, a heart resting on the assurance of innocence though racked by the thought of unjust condempation.

He was arraigned before the court, the indistruent having been read by the Prosecuting Attorney, the question was

"Guilty or not guilty? Another breathless space followed these knows," replied the Judge.
"We don't ask him to tell what he doesn't words; but it was broken by the clear voice of the prisoner as he answered:

"Not guilty!" But before we procee I farther with this record, it may be well enough to inform the reader of the kind of anxiety that influen ped the public. It makes not much differ-

as he was busy writing.
"Mr. Morrow, you will keep the stand yet," spoke Mr. Teazle as the witness was command the United States' army. about leaving, "you say you were out fish- may depend on me." ing on the day of the murder,-state the

circumstances again. The witness then rehearsed his testimony,

almost verbatim. "Will you let the court hear sir, how you saw the prisoner, after you heard the report?"

"When we went out on the road?" place, and in what attitude you saw the pris- stout men with muskets and crow-bars

ner, with respect to Mr. Leroy.'

"How long about?" "About three minutes I spose."

"And then we heard another one snap,

portunity, whereby he might form a single Leroy."

ue of friendship with any one, and of one

"How do you know?"

"Why there was no body else their to do desire of being heard-would say that in it." "Then of course he must be the man!" "May it please the court," interrupted the

esecutor, "the Defendent is asking useless questions." "No time to spend in unnecessary questions," returned the Judge, somewhat fidgi-

have been plotting, while cooped from one hovel.' Thus, and in like manner was he can with safety, judge the cause that you know your testimony to be facts?"

brought together so many of the citizens-"That will do."

Leroy then took the stand. a case that so much aroused their excite-"Mr. Leroy," commenced the Prosecument and indignation. But as we said a look of city passed over their features, when tor, "what do you know about this case?" they beheld the object of their condemna-

on, and well there might too; for he ap. ger.' "Well go on, and tell us all the circumeared too noble and manly, to call forth sy other, than such a sensation; yet this stances. "I was up in town that day and when I eling soon passed off; for, wha with their

rejudices and excitement, it could not exist. was going home, it commenced raining, and And the Judge was one of those stern I stopped under a tree till it would quit." "Where were you when it commenced of mercy for frail humanity, pursues even raining

"At the Pass-just a little this side." with rashness, the course dictated by law "Well?"

"So after it slacked off, I started again, merely to say he was stern, conveys no idea I sees this prisoner standing on the ground door. spoke impatiently, while the lawyers, were "Thomas Leroy!" he repeated in a loud my hand on his shoulder, than he tried to posed the Pastor. knock me down. I had a pistol with me

and I snapped it to cow him, and -" "Was your pistol loaded?" interrupted Tenzle.

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"Go on," he returned busily writing, "We I!" spoke the Presecutor.

"As I was saying, just as I snapped my pistol Strawson and Dick Morrow here came out and wanted to know what was up. I son. told them and we arrested the chap and "Joseph Strawson!-Joseph Strawson!!took him to jail."

> fying the pist of the Prosecutor said: "That will do, Mr. Leroy."

"Mr. Leroy," said Mr. Teazle, "I merely wish to know how it happened, that your pistol was not leaded?" "Just because I hadn't loaded it," an-

swered the witness with an impudent leer. "That's all sir," returned Teazle somewhat sternly.

Thus we's concluded the testimony on the part of the State. Although we can read it a confident pomposity; amongst the lawyers for there were numerous questions and cross-followed—though orderly—by his fearless ately, addressing him, "I do not make these developments through and unkindness to-"Weil," commenced the witness, "that questions put, that we have not space to re- comrades. morning Strawson and I went a huntin' and cord. As there are now a few moments'

Paster and his companion. we heard an ther pistol snap, and we thought it was time to see what was up. So we went out on to the road and who should we ed man said, in a clear, determined voice:

the prison, which was the gate they shivered it into a thousand pieces.—
Strawson rushed in while his followers stood at the door, and met Viroqua as she was question

> At this resolute demand the juilor seemed astounded. But summing up his pygmean

"Yes they were standing just along his side this way," (pointing it out with his hand) "as he laid on the ground." "Well, after the prisoner shot the man, did he try to escape?"

"Authority!" cried the old man stamping you?" the pavement and feigning much excitement, "you insignificant dwarf! I give you hand over her heart. three minutes now to do my command.' "Did you see him shoot?" interrupted where will I get money?"

"Then, may it please the court, I object but still assuming his rough manner," and papers-yellow from age-retraced his steps, ter-part of Morton. Never was there such long lost husband and son

o any further questions."
"I would just inform the gentleman," reurned the Prosecutor. "that we have a bring Strawson to me!" right to ask our witnesses such questions as "Go on with your witness," said the

ose your situation." "Is this it?" continued the Prosecutor, air of deep perplexity and amazement, son. confused the features of the prisoner as he Bu beheld the old man in waiting, for he could dumb with consternation. not devine the object of so unceremonious a "Come-hurry, we must away to the towards Albert, and throwing his arms a with undivided attention to the old man, as "Why do you suppose the prisoner drop-ned the pistol where he did?" could he form an idea of the cause that time to waste." "Why, I think he done it to keep us from again brought the mysterious stranger.

step this way.'

tain of a company of men, whom you may his face flushed with excitement.

scleet, and under this instruction you can the look of astonishment that passed over within. One of them glanced furtively Mr. Teazle's generous offer. They are all waters, 'Blick, Rown is blue!"

you have recourse to the crow-bar.' "Not preader, old man, would I be,

"Enough-away an I get your men." "Where will I meet you?"

"At the head of ——street," Strawson then started down a lane, while the Paster and his companion, shaped their light. course, to the appointed place of meeting; "Yes; state sir, how soon you were at the than Strawson came up followed by twenty Mr. Tenzie approached the old man, when, -he thought he was now free, and he had

"Well, I said we heard a pistol go off king the whole command, they followed him are thus occupied we will make a few explanation and then waited a little bit—" lege, its nullification would leave him. To day his revenue was satisfied and to day his "You didn't see the prisoner shoot then, they continued their murch, untill arrived testimony!" In some was at hand, this point was found in the epochs of Morton and Albert. in whose favor not a word could be said, and don't know whether or not be committed to the was not present. He left the pas ed through the hall, his surprise grew er and the Pastor to follow.

"Mr. Morton, I don't suppose is at home,"

observed the latter unsuspectingly.
"That matters nothing," returned Straw-the parties. son as he pulled the bell violently.

"What! you do not mean to enter house?" exclaimed the minister.

we intend to search."

desperately," it was no one else than the the examination of his witnesses. same d-d hypocrite!"

"Good heavens; how you astonish me!" stand," said Mr. Teazle. At this instant, the door was opened by terion; then he was a frightened negro.

"My Massal" retorted the negro, brough to his senses, by what he took as an insult to a "culled pussun's" dignity.

"Yes, your Master: is he at home? turned Strawson in a lond voice.

a pistol report, and thinking there was some- tablished individual, and you will be pleas- her to the stand. thing wrong I hurried along to see whether ed sah, to lef dis premises, without furder "Well, Miss Viroqua, state what you plish this end. He stated that Strawson's "Go on-go on with your cause!" he I could find out. Well I hadn't got far till invitation," stepping back a pace to shut the know about this case."

took to arrest him, and I had no sooner laid "Is Mr. Morton at home?" mildly inter- Albert Beaumont had just left our house .- though one would think differently-be had tent instructions in the several branches, the

"Why the devil, couldn't you have told us so before, you greasy lubber you?" ask- Leroy

it wid gemplen." "I will trouble you now, for a key to every door in this house," continued Straw- garded Albert, I followed Thomas, though was positive proof of the villinous nature of

After a number of questions, and identithem, and if you don't deliver them to me in the report of a gun. I looked out through sible to preserve order. Emberton, his son one minute I will let my men breuk down the bushes and saw - my brother stand- Albert and Viroqua sat together, overcome every door."

walking off.
"Come on men!" shouted the leader.

show us through himself if necessary."

"and afterwards we will prove to you the the rustling of the bushes and well night de instant blew out his son's and his own over in ten minutes; fully two hours were oc- necessity." And despite the entreaties of tected me. Now you know Thomas Leroy brains. Thus fell Thomas Crevion the mariam Mortor, came in and took his seat, with cupied by the lawyers in the examinations, the Minister, Strawson entered the house that I was present," she added impassion- derer-thus ended the career of William

fishin' and a comin' home in the evening cossistion in the proceedings, (and a very ex- in which Viroqua was confined, Strawson' an unjust and a wicked charge! we was overtook with a storm and had to cusable pause it is too; for Mr. Teazle has tried several keys and every means in his After a few questions-for the sake of Now, to Teaz'e, this was a strange en- bole. So while we was a settin' there a not a single witness,) we will leave the court- power to open it without damage, but fail- questions—from the State's Attorney, she terprise, for he viewed it in a different light waitin' for the rain to stop, we heard a pisoccupant that she was in no danger-he or-After leaving the court room they bent dered his men to burst it open, when with a said Mr. Teazle, after a moment's pause. "Well, we waited a little bit, and at last their steps directly to the prison, which was tremendous crash of their heavy crow-bars,

> "I command you sir, to bring to us one advancing with calm step oseph Strawson!" he exclaimed, as he clasped her hand in ecstacy. "Thank God!" she returned reciprocat-

importance he returned in his squeaking voice:

"Come;" he said in a hurried tone, after "By what authority can you make such a moment's silence, "your presence is required by the said in a hurried tone, after a moment's silence, "your presence is required by the said in a hurried tone, after a moment's silence, "your presence is required by the said in a hurried tone, after a moment's silence, "your presence is required by the said in a hurried tone, after a moment's silence, "your presence is required by the said in a hurried tone, after a moment's silence, "your presence is required by the said in a hurried tone, after a moment's silence, "your presence is required by the said in a hurried tone, after a moment's silence, "your presence is required by the said in a hurried tone, after a moment's silence, "your presence is required by the said in a hurried tone, after a moment's silence, "your presence is required by the said in a hurried tone, after a moment's silence, "your presence is required by the said in a hurried tone, after a moment's silence, "your presence is required by the said in a hurried tone, after a moment's silence, "your presence is required by the said in a hurried tone, after a moment's silence, "your presence is required by the said in a hurried tone, after a moment's silence, "your presence is required by the said in a hurried tone, after a moment's silence, "your presence is required by the said in a hurried tone, after a moment's silence, "your presence is required by the said in a hurried tone, after a moment's silence, "your presence is required by the said in a hurried tone, after a moment's silence, "your presence is required by the said in a hurried tone, after a moment's silence, "your presence is required by the said in a hurried tone, after a moment of ed immediately-have you the package with would pass through the crowd, and as she

"Good sir," said the jailor tremblingly, a moment!" And without another word, he darked with a fearful doubt. He might be and gentlemen Mr. Teazle, led the benevo a state of society free labor is fir the cheap-"if I give you this prisoner and he escapes took a crow-bar and went to the door of dreaming, he thought, and oh; should be lent Miss Richards to the alter of Hymen. justice, I will loose my situation, and then what has been noticed the "conference cham- wake, and meet such a sad disappointment! Mrs. Leroy, you remember, who was in ber." In a moment he forced it open, and Eut he remained as calm as might be. And the mad-house;—on beholding old Mr. Em-"The warrant?" whispered the Pastor, walked immediately to the secritor, which Tom Leroy-a look of revengeful fury, berton accompanied by Viroqua and Albert, propitions forms of labor must be everywhere he soon unlocked by means of a fulse key, glased from his eyes as he heard the wit- through some undescribable phenomenon, superseded by the least costly and most ef-"I have a warrant sir," holding it up, and taking therefrom a bundle of yellowish nesse's words. He was now the very coun- was restored to her reason, and then to her ficent."-Boston Chronical.

capes, it is nothing to you-you will not Leroy accompanying them, a mighty con-

But the Pastor made no reply; he was of the accused."

release from his dungeon; and much less, cour -room," interrupted the old man, "no round his neck cried.

"May it please your Honor, "again spoke "I have an important mission, of which I ed the court-house door. The Prosecutor overpowering effect of the present moment, lead, but recovered, and how ever since Teazle "we'll dispense with suppositions in am about to appoint you leader. You will had delivered his plea, as also had Mr. Tea- well nigh prostrated him. the prisoner then passed through the be remembered by those who heard it, as a part of the parties concerned, the officers family. gate and stood between Merton and the master-piece of nielting eloquence and pow- were ordered to bring in Mr. Morton. -- Some erful argument. The Judge was just con- time, they spent in their mission without Emberton's affairs had been righted, but for Old Tom Young' writes to ask us if "Strawson, here I have a warrant, privi-leging me to search any and every house in old man, overcome with anxiety entered, by the residence of Miss Richardson, they practice. Now Albert had no occasion to blackberry? Certainly and what is more.

and unexpectedly snatched from the object truly saw Morton standing on the floor .- sincerely hope the storms of misfortune may to of their attention, can better be imagined. Wi hout hesitating a moment, they entered never again overtake them. Thus ends our You than described. Every one, lary and all, ook- the hall, and passing by all ceromony, ad- story; Adien, ed towards the door, distorted with wonder: vancen into the parior. but when Viroqua appeared, a smile passed Render; a orton the villian, was about be-

ough fares of the city, as much as possible, ignorant as the court and assembly, of what officers entered the room, the rie was nearas Strawson said ' to attract notice and let was to follow; for when the old man solici- ye concluded. Without saying a word they and went out and saw the prisoner off of his tered the long board street, casually noticed -he thought merely to release Viroqua .- his arms, forced him straight-forward from whose way, fortune had never placed an op- horse and about makin' a lunge into Tom in the course of this story, as being the And new you can imagine his surprise, when the room. street of fashionable residence, through which he heard Mortimer cryout: "here is our He was so astonished at this unaccounta-

> Strawson ordered a halt. He then walked scene immediately after the lawyers con- into fury, and he commenced cursing and "I didn't see him shoet, but I know he towards the the door, beckoning to Mortim- cluded their pleas. The object of this describing like a madman. At this manifesta-

Judge sternly, as he looked haughtily upon fainted. While the guests were occupied in

"Certainly, my reverend sir," returned comers. After he had concluded his intro- new witnesses, all of whom he knew-he Strawson coolly, "and this is the only place duction, informing the court that these were became purple with rage and fear. He "But you don't pretend to say that our While this duty was in process, another per- his body into a thousand pain ul shapes, and repetrator of this diabolical act?"

She too, was sworn. Everything being dened culprit. While the officers were absent on this mission, Mijah Beaumont had

"Viroqua Leroy will please take the strange old man, after she discovered life

As she walked around the crowd, to get his testimony which corroborated that of Bob, and if eyes whose pupils were turned to the stand, her eyes caught the form of Mijah, and the old man had given his his-"Well, I saw the prisoner kill the stran- up under their lashes, so that nothing but Albert as he sat with his face burried in his tory and testimony. the protruding white was visable—and yel- hands. At one bound she was by his side, low quivering lips, could be taken as a cri- and her trembling arms intwined about his rusal of the documents, brought by Strawneck. Not a word did they speak, but there, son and Viroqua. Every one was present. "Is your master at home?" demanded like softly whispering angles, their hearts The package brought by Viroqua was opensilently communed with each other.

terrupted the Judge, growing impatient. as Mortimer) to his son Albert Embertona wounded fawn she sprang to her feet. how to proceed, in order to repossess him-Her face flushed, and she seemed to be in a self of their stolen property; -- that with the

"All I know is, that on the evening of act of reparation on the part of her sonwhispering and rummaging their documents. looking at something, which I saw was a "Leave this door stand open, you black the murder, my brother came in from town for she was on her death-bed. At this in-"Thomas Leroy," said the Prosecutor dead man, after I got closer. Well I under- rascal or I will have it battered to pieces!" and he seemed very quiet-even morose .-- formation Strawson's head dropped, for, al-And in a few moments after-wards my a heart of some feeling-and resolved that

"Liar!" shouted a voice. It was Tom

"Silence!" cried the Sheriff, striking the thave been written by Morton twenty years "Kas sali, when I converses at all, I does floor with his staff. "Well?" inquired Teazle.

creted myself by the road-side, and the and cries of "hang the monster"-"torture "Don't lie to me sir-! know you have storm in a great measure subsiding, I heard him," &c., filled the room. It was imposing over a dead man. I was frightened- with the joy of their unexpected and happy concious. When I awoke there was a num raised up and stood upon his chair, ber of men at the place and they were hold-Having arrived at the door of the room wards any one, but to do all I can to revert

"Mijah Beaumont, please take the stand,"

know in reference to this affair." "I have a great deal to answer to that and become subjects of common fireside \* \* \* ." And she ccm- tete-a-teto menced with the history of Morton with which the reader already is conversant, and administration of the plotting and villianous remark made to him by the late Mr. Calhogave a relation up to the present, concluding Morton were now in the hands that justly un, not long before his death. Mr. Clapp with the manner in which he bro't about the owned them. Viroqua had received her says the distinguished statesmen, on one imprisonment of Albert. As she would homestead that had been so ruthlessly sold

in the name of the State I command you to lie his party, again commanding them to fol- a resemblance before-every one remarked

Just at this moment the old man rushed

"Joseph Strawson," spoke the old man, and after a few minutes' walk, they enter- weak with age, which, together with the Strawson in England; he was taken up for

rer Tenzle's face. ing united in wedleck with the plous, the 'Here is our testimony!" again shouted i enevolent Miss Richards! Do you rememthe old man, all-forgetful, amidst his de- ber-he said that he swore once, he never would marry until be had extinguished the "Silence in court!" veciferated the sher- objects of his hatred and revenge? Well, where they had not much sooner arrived, iff. Composure was again restored, and he thought to-day had abrogated that oath for a few moments they were engaged in determined, that so soon as his oath was ful-After a short parky, and Strawson far deep and hurried conversation. Whose they filled he would take advantage of the privi-

the fashionable marts and through the Paster, he was altogether as though to deceive Miss Richards! As the G. K Jenkins, to be the making of necesday his revenge was satisted, and to day he folks see where they were going," they en- ted his aid, he was not informed to what end advanced towards him, two of them taking Cadiz on the third Monday of October next.

ble act, that he was powerless. As they parture we will see hereafter.
"What's to be done now?" demand the had followed with the rest of the company tion of his evil-spirit, Miss Richards-who their attentions to her, the officers, with "May it please the court," commenced Morton departed. It was not long till they Mr. Teazle, giving an explanation of the arrived again at the court-house. As they late proceedings and the business of the new entered, and Morton beheld the array of his witnesses &c., he had them aworn .- stamped the floor -- bit his lips -- distorted hovel.' Thus, and in like manner was he assailed from every quarter. And now we Teazle, not noticing the Prosecutor, "that perpetrator of this diabolical act?"

While this duty was in process, another perhaps the body into a thousand pain ul shapes, and dear benevelent and pious brother, is the sonage appeared. It was Mijah Beaumont. She too, was sworn. Everything being dened cubrit. While the officers were all informed the court how she resuscitated the

> ed, in which was found a long letter, from "Come-come, hear your witnesses!" in- Mr. Emberton (known for some pages back Her ear caught this command, and like known as Albert Beaumont, instructing him "I'se happy to inform you sah, dat dat's world of embarrasament. Tenzle went to letters therewith enclosed, and Joseph could secure, he would not fail to accommother had given him these letters, as a last

> > would obserge his ways in life. The letters were then examined and discovered to be plots of black intrigue, and to back. Those brought by Strawson were also examined with them and found to cor-"Feeling a fearful presentiment, as re- respond in date and character. Now here he was not aware of it. After having se- Creyton alias Morton. Groans and hisses

"Just do so sah," returned the darkie for a while, I know not how long, I was un-meeting. Amidst the confusion, Morton "My curses eternally upon you! This, "Do not sir, for the sake of christianity ing an inquest over the dead body, and then is my son," he continued pointing to enter his house so rudely," entreated the Paster, "for I know, were he here, he would after the men had left-except Thomas, "He is my son-I know him now-he shall Strawson and another one I started home. die with his father!" he cried, and taking a "We must enter sir," returned Strawson But as I started from my place, they heard pistol in each hand from his pockets, that

CHAPTER XVI.

CONCLUSION What a welcome word! And perhaps

the conclusion—happy word! Months had passed and the "Will you state to the court what you scribed in the preceding chapters, had di-know in reference to this affair." scribed in the preceding chapters, had di-vested themselves of their horrid features, vaman of New Orleans, at preasent sojour-

Strawson was cleared in the eyes of the came to that part that developed the parent- court and public, and very good naturedly to last long. In a poplous community it "Yes; here," she answered placing her age of Albert and Thomas Leroy; what a contented himself with Mijah Beaumont for must ever be disastrous, not only in its mighty effect was produced upon each fece. his parmer through life, while in a course of bearings on their pecuniary interests, but also Then we'll be off—come men. But hold Albert's was lit with a hopeful glance, yet time, the respected and influential lawyer in many other respects. Because in such

Albert and Viroqua were afterwards joinit. He made several attempts at escape, ed in happy wed-lock, and resided in the late of the Brattleboro (Vermont) Dem-"Bail?" selfishly gasped the jailor.

"Bring the man; you are not responsible," added the old gentleman, "if he esternand as the latter beheld Viroqua pit, and as the latter beheld Viroqua pit, and the murderers had left," continued of course Mrs. Emberton now—for she had says it is an every day occurrence for some Leroy accompanying them, a mighty con-vulsion shook his frame for it was what he some curious influence I was forced to do possible to avoid the painful remembrances are waisting at the hotels for the mails, to Without saying another word, the jailor expected to see.

When I beheld him, I thought I know that went with the name of Embertun— say—"I guess I will get out and stretch my entered the dark hall and in a few moment of the face, I remembered the name that was from choice, lived on Viroqua's farm, upon legs," which always ends in their hav-When I beheld him, I thought I know that went with the name of Emberton- say-"I guess I will get out and stretch my returned with Strawson by his side. An at once emering this house," spoke Straw- on the package, and then I recollected all. which Albert had had a beautiful dwelling ing a drink somewhere in the botel. She I knew him to be Albert Emberton, the father exceed To this comfortable and pleasant adds that it is perfectly astonishing with villa, often did Albert and Viroqua repair what uncheeked ease and frequency legs for recreation, and oft did they su and listen are now stretched in Vermont.

> with the pride of hoavy age, he would re-"Oh my son! my son! I know him-he count to them his perilous adventures -how So saying, the nearest route was taken, is so like his mother!" The old man was when he was precipitated into the river by

> > Nothing would satisfy Mr. Teazle, after

"Well, that will do," added the examiner act: whenever you are refused admittance, each face as their minds were so suddenly through the easement as he passed, and now in the happiest circumstances, and we

Teachers' Institute. A meeting of the Executive committee of the Union Institute of teachers and friends of Education of the counties of Harrison and Jefferson with a number of other teach-

ers and friends of the cause, was held at Bloomfield on Saturday the 29th of July. Mr C. M'Neely, of Harrision, President of the Institute, took the chair, and M. H. Urquhart, of Jefferson, was appointed see-

The object of the meeting was stated by sary arrangements for holding the annual meeting of of the Institute, to convene at

After a free interchange of views in relation to the best means of making our In stitutes both interesting and advantageous to teachers, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted.

Resideed, That arrangements be made for holding the next Institute for the term of two weeks, provided the number of teachers in attendance will justify it. Pesolved, That a thorough course of instruction be given at the next and each subsequent Institute, in the branches required by law to be taught in our public

schools, and the best method of teaching the same—the teachers, for this purpose being divided into classes to suit their con-Resolved, That all teachers not members of the Institution, will be required to pay a fee of one dollar, each, to entitle them to the privileges of the classes; but members will

be entitled to those privileges by the payment of fifty cents. was not totally extinct-Strawson had given Resolved, That in order to secure the at tendance of the tenchers of the two counties, on the exercises of the Institute, the county Examiners of the two counties be requested to hold only four examinations in the year, and that two of these be held during or at the close of the sitting of the Institute, and shall then embrace a thorough

examination in each branch in which instructions have been given. Resol ed, That a special course of instructions shall be given on school govern-

ment and the general duties and conduct of teachers. Resolved, That the foregoing resolutions and proceedings be forwarded by the Secretary to the editor of the Union at Steubenville, and the papers in Cadiz for pub-

After leaving made the necessary arrangements for procuring the services of compe-

messing adjourned. M H. URGUHART, Sec'y.

A Touchstone During the late Fusion Convention, a motion was made substantially approving of the Congressional delegation from Ohio. which had voted agair at the Nebraska bill. A Mr. Harper, of Muskingum, a young Whig of ardent temper and high ambition, made an amedment that all of that delegation which had voted against the Nebraska bill

be returned. The motion was heard-recognized-but never put. It was sent to that inexordable committee, which, worse than the Secret Council of Three in Venice, was especilly charged with throttling dangers to the com-

monvealth of Fusionism. Why was not this amendment and the original motion put and caried? For the same reason that a Fusionist was nominated to run against an anti-Nebraska Democrat. Judge Norris, for Judge of the Supreme Court. Perhapse there were aspirants for Congress in the Convention. Perhaps the Convention was after all, actuated by old hates and chronic grudgers against the Democratic party, and could not afford to stand by the Democrats who had voted against the bill. Young Harper deserves the thanks of the people for applying this touchstone to the successity of the "Republican"—States-

man and Democrat. A PRESICTION BY Mr. CALHOUN.-The gaman of New Orleans, at preasent sojourning in this State, in a communication to the Rev. Thomas Whittemore refers to Slav-The splendid mansions, once under the rey and the Fugitive Slave Law, and to a and fifty years. Slave labor is to expensive

est, and will consequently be preferred.

According to an eternal law of Heaven in

STRETCHING THEM LYGS .- Mrs. Nichols,

ger My dear," said an brisk gentlemen to his wife. "I would rather the children were kept in the nursery when I am at none, although I would not object to their

gor My son, what would you do if your futter dear should be suddenly taken away from you?" "Swear and shaw tobacker! Very promising boy, that,

the city for Viroqua Leroy. You say you followed by his party.

thought they heard the name of Morton practice law, yet his contempt for idieness, witheard a man s y, the other day, point-know where she is. I now appoint you cape "Stay those words Judgel" he cried, while mentioned, for the window was hoisted and would not permit him to pass his time with ing to another over the way who exhibited